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1. LAST WEEK POLCOUNS WENT OVER 31ST UNGA AGENDA ITEMS

WITH KLAUS KAPEL, MFA UN DESK OFFICER, AND LEFT WITH HIM APPROPRIATE EXCERPTS FROM REFS A-D. THE PRESENT TELEGRAM REPORTS KAPEL'S REPLIES AND COMMENTS ONLY WHEN THEY ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST OR VARY FROM THE US POSITION. REF F REPORTED THE DANISH POSITION ON THE TWO KOREAN RESOLUTIONS. FURTHERMORE, THE DANES BENEFITED FROM GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S VISIT HERE LAST JULY WHEN HE ALSO DISCUSSED THE UPCOMING UNGA (REF E).

2. POLCOUNS INTRODUCED THE DISCUSSION BY REFERRING TO REMARKS MADE IN COPENHAGEN BY EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN THAT SAME WEEK AT THE DANISH FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION. AS PART OF HIS REMARKS, MR. LOWENSTEIN NOTED THAT RECENT PUBLIC OPINION POLLS INDICATE A RENEWED INTEREST IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THE PART OF AMERICANS. THE SAME POLLS ALSO SHOWED THAT AMERICAN CONFIDENCE IN THE UN CONTINUES TO TREND DOWNWARD. POLCOUNS NOTED THE ATTACHMENT OF THE DANES TO THE UNITED NATIONS. HE REMARKED THAT IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE US AND ITS LIKE-MINDED ALLIES TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENHANCE THE CREDIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THAT ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO INCREASE ITS STATURE WITH BOTH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND THE AMERICAN CONGRESS. KAPEL REPLIED THAT THE DANES WERE, OF COURSE, IN AGREEMENT WITH SUCH A GOAL BUT MIGHT NOT ALWAYS AGREE 100 PERCENT WITH THE US ON HOW TO ARRIVE AT IT.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA.

KAPEL NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN'S SPEECH BEFORE THE UNGA DURING HIS VISIT THERE SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1, WILL FOCUS ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE DANES HAVE A TRADITION OF SYMPATHY AND HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR THE BLACK AFRICAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS AND ANDERSEN HIMSELF PLANS TO VISIT AFRICA IN NOVEMBER. THE DRAFTING OF ANDERSEN'S SPEECH WILL BE DELAYED IN ORDER TO MAKE IT AS CURRENT AS POSSIBLE.

4. KAPEL REMARKED THAT THE DANES EXTENDED EVERY GOOD WISH FOR THE SUCCESS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CURRENT

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MISSION THERE. THEY WERE APPALLED WHEN THEY CONTEMPLATED THE EFFECT OF ARMED RACIAL CONFLICT IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CONTINENT AND THE POTENTIAL FOR OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT THAT SUCH A CONFLICT WOULD PRODUCE.

5. INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

KAPEL REMARKED THAT, AFTER SOUTHERN AFRICA, ANDERSEN PLANNED TO DEVOTE MOST OF HIS SPEECH TO THE PROBLEMS OF

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. DENMARK, AND THE NINE, WILL
SUPPORT THE GERMAN PROPOSAL BUT THE DANES ARE WARY OF
THE EFFECT OF A MULTITUDE OF AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD

WATER IT DOWN TO NOTHING.

6. UNRWA.

THE DANES ARE WILLING TO LOOK "FAVORABLY" AT AN
INCREASED DANISH CONTRIBUTION TO THAT ORGANIZATION.

7. UN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

ALTHOUGH THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN
COPENHAGEN IN AUGUST SPOKE FAVORABLY OF THE HOLDING
OF SUCH A CONFERENCE IN 1978, THE MFA ITSELF IS NOT
ENTHUSIASTIC.

8. UN BUDGET.

DANISH POLICY ON THE POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY HAS NOT BEEN
SET. KAPEL SAID THAT, SPEAKING QUITE CANDIDLY, BECAUSE
THE DANISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN IS RELATIVELY SMALL,
AND ADDITIONS TO IT OCCASIONED BY UN BUDGET INCREASES
ARE RELATIVELY NEGLIGIBLE, THE DANES ARE FREQUENTLY
TEMPTED TO ENDORSE THEM.

9. ANGOLA/VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP

BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY, THE DANES WISH
TO SEE BOTH COUNTRIES ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.

10. INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE.

KAPEL WAS NOT INFORMED ON THE QUESTION.

11. EXTERNAL EVALUATION MECHANISM.

KAPEL SAID THE DANES WILL SUPPORT RENEWAL OF JOINT
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